



**City of Boston**  
**Thomas M. Menino, Mayor**

## WELCOME TO BOSTON BIKES

Welcome to what will be the first of many newsletters aimed at keeping you abreast of all the news and activities surrounding Mayor Menino's exciting new bicycling initiative—Boston Bikes.

The program is just part of the administration's vision for a vibrant and healthy city that benefits all its citizens. It seeks to make Boston a world-class bicycling city by creating safe and inviting conditions for all residents and visitors.

Bike Boston focuses on improvements in all five universal bike planning areas: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Encouragement, and Evaluation.

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## BOSTON BIKES SUMMIT



**From October 22nd - 24th, Boston Bikes and the City of Boston hosted the Boston Bikes Summit themed "Making Boston a World-Class Biking City."**

The bike racks were full—over 400 people representing city, regional, and state agencies, citizen and neighborhood groups, local businesses, and interested individuals were in attendance. A team of local and national experts led by employees of the City of Boston, the Livable Streets Alliance, the League of American Bicyclists, and MassBike, organized the Summit.

Mayor Menino kicked off the event together with *Bicycling* Magazine editor Steve Madden. Four national experts (Andy Clarke, Jennifer Toole, John Ciccarelli, and Nick Jackson) facilitated over 20 seminars with topics ranging from, **"The Role of Bicycling in World Class Cities"** and **"State and Regional Bike Plans"** to **"Bicycling and Economic Development."**

The Summit concluded with a series of recommendations to consider, plan, and launch through Boston's new bicycle initiative. [Click for report](#)

## COMMONWEALTH AVE, GET READY!



**One of the single busiest cycling corridors in all of Boston, Commonwealth Avenue by Boston University, is due to have a bike lane installed this spring.**

Standard five-foot bike lanes will extend from just outside Kenmore Square west to the BU Bridge. Engineering drawings were submitted by BETA group in Norwood with input from our Summit's engineering expert and instructor Jennifer Toole of Toole Design Group. Mass Highway will review the design shortly. Soon BU students will have no excuse for getting to class late.

## ATTENTION FROST BIKERS

### We're looking for your best winter cycling photos.

We will post our favorite photos in our next newsletter and on our website. If your pictures are selected we will give you a free Hub On Wheels jersey and free entry to next fall's HUB On Wheels on September 21st, 2008—assuming you like to bike when it's not ten below zero.



## COMING DOWN THE ROAD

**Name that pothole** Very soon we will be asking you to help us rate biking roads in Boston, identify existing rack locations, request new racks, and point out unusual hazards for cyclists. This data will be compiled and used for several projects: to create Boston's first complete bicycling map; to cite locations for installation of bicycle racks; and to further refine our queue for bike lanes and projects. And, for now, you can alert us to any dangers such as potholes by calling 617-635-4000.

**Boston Bikes website** It's in the works, stay tuned.

**Hub On Wheels, September 21, 2008** Last year's Hub on Wheels was the biggest and most successful event to date. And next year we plan to make it even better. [www.HubonWheels.org](http://www.HubonWheels.org)

## HOW NOT TO BUILD A BIKE LANE

We're not quite ready to unveil our new bike lanes, however we can show you what they *won't* look like.



Photos (left and right) courtesy of City Cyclists, London, UK [www.citycyclists.org.uk](http://www.citycyclists.org.uk). Photo (center) courtesy of John Ciccarelli, Bicycle Solutions.



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